GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:340
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Income Limit under PMS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Post-Matric Scholarship (PMS) Schemes;

(b) whether the Government proposes to increase the annual income limit of the parents/guardians under the scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether several cases/instances regarding release of funds to the States are pending with the Government even after submission of utilisation certificates by the States; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the time by which the said funds are likely to be released to the said States?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI THAAWARCHAND GEHLOT)
(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in answer to parts (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 340 for 22.12.2015 by Shri Arjun Meghwal regarding income Limit under PMS.
(a) Post-matric Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes Students is a centrally sponsored scheme and is implemented by the States/UTs administration since 1944.
(b) The annual income limit of the parents/guardians under the scheme was increased from Rs. 2.00 lakh to Rs. 2.5 lakh w.e.f. Academic session 2013-14. At present there is no proposal to increase the annual income limit of the parents/guardians under the scheme.
(c) & (d) Central Assistance to the States/UTs is released after examining their proposal, utilizaiton certificate of fund released for the previous year and based on the availability of fund under the scheme. A statement giving the details of the demand made including arrears for past, Central Assistance released, balance due as on date is at annexure. Central Assistance including balance to States/UTs is given on receipt of complete proposal subject to availability of funds.